**MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING**
**SANTA MARIA CITY COUNCIL**

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
**SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2016**

**INVOCATION:**
Pastor Robert Litzinger of Church for Life gave the Invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**
Councilmember Boysen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER:**
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**
**MEMBERS PRESENT**
Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**
City Manager Haydon, City Attorney Trujillo, Director of Community Development Appel, Parks Services Manager Davis, City Librarian Housel, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kahn, Police Chief Martin, Director of Utilities Springer, Deputy City Manager Stilwell, Deputy City Manager Tse, Director of Administrative Services Visé, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz.

**1. PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

**A. PROCLAMATION – FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA WEEK**
Mayor Patino presented a proclamation recognizing February 20-26, 2016 as "Future Farmers of America Week" in the City of Santa Maria. Jorge Gonzalez, President of the Santa Maria FFA, accepted the proclamation. The Mayor acknowledged the other members of the organization in attendance.

**B. POLICE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**
Mayor Patino announced that the Volunteer of the Month for the Police Department, Gwen Kendall, was unable to attend the meeting, but asked Councilmember Boysen to read her commendation. A certificate of appreciation and plaque will be provided to her to thank her for her volunteer efforts in the Police Department

**C. BLOCK GRANTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – ALESIA YGLESIAS COMMENDATION**
Resolution No. 2016-10 thanking and commending Block Grants Advisory Committee Member Alesia Yglesias for her service on the Committee, was adopted on motion by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

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| AYES: | Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino |
| NOES: | None |
| ABSENT: | None |
| ABSTAIN: | None |

**Resolution No. 2016-10 adopted.** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, COMMENDING ALESIA YGLESIAS ON HER RETIREMENT AS A BLOCK GRANTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER.

Ms. Yglesis commented that outcomes for the City of Santa Maria take an entire community's effort and stated she hoped the community would continue to work together to make the City a better place.

**D. COMMENDATION FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS MANAGER, CELESTE COELHO-HUDSON**
Resolution No. 2016-09 thanking and commending Community Programs Manager, Celeste Coelho-Hudson, for more than 40 years of dedicated service to the City of Santa Maria, was adopted on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Boysen, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

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| AYES: | Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino |
| NOES: | None |
| ABSENT: | None |
| ABSTAIN: | None |

**Resolution No. 2016-09 adopted.** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, COMMENDING CELESTE COELHO-HUDSON FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE.

Community Programs Manager Coelho-Hudson expressed her appreciation to the City Council and City staff for such a rewarding career.

Councilmember Boysen commented on Ms. Coelho-Hudson's professionalism and thanked her for her years of accomplishments.

Director of Administrative Services Visé commented on Ms. Coelho-Hudson's heartfelt efforts to better the City of Santa Maria and acknowledged her dedication to her work and to the community.

Mayor Patino thanked Ms. Coelho-Hudson for making everything flow smoothly in the Special Projects Division.

Councilmember Orach acknowledged Ms. Coelho-Hudson's husband, Bailey Hudson, for his work with the All-America City Committee and several other City committees.

City Manager Haydon commented that Ms. Coelho-Hudson was an excellent example of a City employee; someone who had spent their career with the City, worked with several different departments, and carried the workload of a department that, in other cities, would have more staff members. He also acknowledged and thanked her for her work with some of the City's most disadvantaged residents.

**E. COMMENDATION FOR HERBERT SOARES**
Resolution No. 2016-12 thanking and commending Public Works Inspector, Herb Soares, for more than 41 years of dedicated service to the City of Santa Maria, was adopted on motion by Councilmember Zuniga, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

**Resolution No. 2016-12 adopted.** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, COMMENDING INSPECTOR HERBERT A. SOARES, FOR OVER 41 YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE.

Public Works Inspector Soares thanked everyone for the opportunity to work with the City of Santa Maria, and said he looked forward to working on future projects together should the opportunity present itself.

Director of Public Works Kahn congratulated Mr. Soares on his retirement and thanked him for his accomplishments noting the diversity of his knowledge in working with contractors on various projects.

City Manager Haydon commented on Mr. Soares' longevity with the City. He recalled how professional Mr. Soares was during SEIU negotiations.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**
Patricia Solorio, representing Central Coast Future Leaders, invited the community to the Santa Maria Valley Latino Legacy Awards event scheduled for March 20, 2016, at the Radisson Hotel, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mark Muller, representing the Santa Maria-Bonita School District, spoke about student success and the importance of parental involvement. He invited everyone to a school district open meeting (the second Wednesday of every month) to discuss how to allocate funds for the upcoming school year. The School District has received about $35 million in grants that have been spent in collaborations with the City's Recreation and Parks Department and Police Department, Youth and Family, the Foodbank, Healthy Start Advocates, and many other organizations in the City; and he said community involvement is encouraged when it comes to making decisions regarding future allocations.

Tony Coles asked the City Council to provide more information to the public to ease some of the fears of the residents regarding recent violence in the City.

Mayor Patino invited everyone to an upcoming One Community Action meeting at the Grace Baptist Church on McCoy scheduled for February 18, 2016, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to discuss ways the community can help.

Anna Cremarosa, representing MIYB Spaces, spoke about the business and how it offers non-profits and entrepreneurs business support and office space to help them keep costs down. She also stated that MIYB was now a non-profit corporation that was expanding to offer more trainings and technical assistance in 2016.

City Manager Haydon encouraged everyone to visit the City's website to view the video from the February 2nd Council meeting where Police Chief Martin spoke on the recent violence in the City. He also reiterated the One Community Action meeting is to be held on February 18, 2016, at 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Grace Baptist Church.

City Manager Haydon introduced Director of Utilities Springer who gave an update on the City's water conservation efforts and local rain levels. The City continues to meet its conservation requirements imposed by the State. The conservation requirements have been extended through October 2016. With the recent warmer weather, water usage is increasing. Temperatures are expected to drop again which will bring water usage back down to its normal winter levels. Currently, Santa Maria is at 66 percent of normal rainfall for the year. Increased rainfall is still expected due to the effects of El Niño;however, forecasters are now predicting heavier rains closer to Spring.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR:**
Councilmember Waterfield indicated that she would be recusing herself from voting on Item 3C, Warrants, due to a financial conflict of interest.

Consent Calendar Items 3A through 3G (except Item 3C) were approved on motion by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Zuniga, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Consent Calendar Item 3C only, Warrants, was approved on motion by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote: 4-0-1

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Waterfield

**A. ORDINANCES**
The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar were adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicated otherwise.

**B. MINUTES**
The Minutes of the regular Meeting of the City Council of February 2, 2016, were approved as submitted.

**C. WARRANTS**
Warrant Nos. 198505 to 198756 totaling $999,810.12 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services. Warrant Nos. 190855, 190884, 191138, 197406, 197707, 197865, and 198408 were cancelled.

**D. PAYROLL**
Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads, as shown on records on file in the Department of Administrative Services and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

**E. PEOPLES' SELF-HELP HOUSING SENIOR APARTMENTS**
The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2016-12 approving the reprogramming of the use of $151,631 in Community Development Block Grant funds to Peoples' Self-Help Housing Corporation, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

**Resolution No. 2016-12 adopted.** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE REPROGRAMMING OF THE USE OF $151,631

IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS TO PEOPLES' SELF-HELP HOUSING'S SENIOR APARTMENTS.

**F. ORDINANCE NO. 2016-02 REGARDING LAZ – E – DAZE BOARDING HOUSE**
The City Council conducted the second reading and adopted, by title only, Ordinance No. 2016-02 approving a modified Development Agreement for Western Sky Communities, LLC and DNT Properties, LLC.

**Ordinance No. 2016-02 adopted.** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (DA2014-0002) FOR WESTERN SKY COMMUNITIES, LLC, ON THE 3.99 ACRE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1300-1324 NORTH BROADWAY.

**G. INTENT TO ANNEX PARCELS INTO LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE**
The City Council adopted a resolution expressing intent to annex 14 parcels into the Southwest, Northwest, and Northeast Landscape Maintenance and Lighting Districts.

**Resolution No. 2016-13 adopted.** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, INITIATING PROCEEDINGS AND DECLARING THE INTENTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY TO ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS, PURSUANT TO THE "LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972" (NAUMESCU DENTAL OFFICE; CALIFORNIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY; CLEANER EARTH COMPANY; TEMPORARY OUTDOOR STORAGE FACILITY; DIAMOND 'A' EQUIPMENT; WINDSET FARMS; HARDY DIAGNOSTICS; AND HAYWARD LUMBER & TRUSS).

**4. SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT 2015-16.**
Director of Administrative Services Visé gave a presentation as detailed in the written Council Agenda Report. The beginning fund balance in the General Fund was $10,122,000 as of July 1, 2015. On December 31, 2015, General Fund revenues for Sales Tax Receipts were $67,000 greater than last year at the same time. NHIS revenue was at 44 percent of budget at $783,000, which was lower than the prior year, possibly due to declining oil prices and the effects of El Niño. The Permit Revenue was $1.3 million which was a slight increase from last year.

Expenditures included the annual fire debt service payment of $653,000 for the payment from the Fire Department to the Solid Waste Collection Fund to payoff off the CalPERS Side Fund. Measure U revenues were slightly over budget at $2,138,000 and expenditures were on budget at 49.5 percent. Through December, roughly 89 percent of expenditures were public safety related with 43 percent spent on Fire and 46 percent spent on Police operations.

Regarding the Enterprise Funds, the Water/Wastewater Fund revenues exceeded expenditures by $836,000. Expenditures included the semi-annual debt service payment for the 2012 AB refunding bonds for approximately $3,800,000. In the Solid Waste Fund, expenditures exceeded revenues by $248,000.

Public Input
There were no requests to speak.

Council discussion
Councilmember Boysen asked about the $90,000 being budgeted to purchase ten public safety cameras and if that money would impede filling the staff vacancies.

City Manager Haydon explained that, currently, there are several vacancies in the Police Department. The salary savings from those vacancies will be a one-time funding for the cameras, and does not mean the positions will not be filled.

Resolution No. 2016-14 was adopted approving personnel and operational amendments to the budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16, and authorizing the City Manager to implement the same on motion by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Zuniga, and carried on the following vote:

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| AYES: | Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino |
| NOES: | None |
| ABSENT: | None |
| ABSTAIN: | None |

**Resolution No. 2016-14 adopted.** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE 2015-16 BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT SAME.

**REPORT BY CITY MANAGER:**
City Manager Haydon reported the next City Council meeting would be on March 1, 2016, and would include Proclamations for the Boys & Girls Club and Arbor Week; a couple of Consent Agenda items; Appointments to Block Grant Advisory Committee and the Recreation and Parks Commission; one Public Hearing for the Enos Ranchos General Plan Amendment; and an appeal of the Recreation and Parks Mitigation Fees by the Towbes Group for the Siena at Westgate project.

**ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS):**
Councilmember Zuniga reported that she attended the Annual Employee Appreciation Dinner; a New Hope Missionary Baptist Church Scholarship Luncheon; the Recreation and Parks Special Olympics VIP Fundraiser; and read to preschoolers at the Los Adobes Center.

Councilmember Boysen thanked the Council for supporting the acquisition of suspended Table A water and making the request of the Board of Supervisors. Efforts are still underway to secure the allocation of water. He also announced the warming center at the Armory, 937 S. Thornburg, would be opened with the predicted rain.

Councilmember Orach reported that he attended the joint Chamber of Commerce meeting at Vandenberg Air Force Base; a LAFCO meeting; a meeting with the Enos Ranchos Developers; a meeting with the Board of Supervisors; and the City's Employee Appreciation Dinner.

Councilmember Waterfield reported that she attended the joint Chamber of Commerce meeting at Vandenberg Air Force Base; a meeting with local business owners who were concerned with the safety issues on their property; spoke at a Leadership Santa Maria meeting; attended an informational meeting at Vandenberg Air Force Base to learn more about their operations; attended the City's Employee Appreciation Dinner; and read to preschoolers at the Los Adobes Center.

Mayor Patino reported that she met with Van Scoyoc Associates; attended the joint Chamber of Commerce meeting at Vandenberg Air Force Base; a meeting with local business owners who were concerned with safety issues on their property; the EconAlliance Ag Forum at the Santa Maria Fairgrounds; reported for jury duty; attended the Board of Supervisors meeting; met with Enos Ranchos Developers; met with the coordinators of One Community Action; attended the Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley Coalition meeting; attended an interview with a representative from PCPA; read to preschoolers at Los Adobes Center; attended the City's Employee Awards Dinner; and spoke on the Ben Heighes radio show.

**ADJOURNMENT:**
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

APPROVED:

March 1, 2016
Date

Rhonda M. Garietz, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the City Council

ATTEST:

Rhonda M. Garietz, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria